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CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Bourbon County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Freedom Township
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was approved and adopted as the
maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2026; and (3) the
Amount(s) of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2026 Budget.

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Fund	K.S.A.				
General	79-1962	5	1,445	1,296	.247
Totals		xxxxxx	1445	1296	
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Final County Assessed	County Clerk's Use Only
Freedom Township	
Fulton	
0	
Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation	5,241,318

Township Only Funds Revenue Neutral Rate	0.000
Township/3rd Class City Funds Revenue Neutral Rate	0.247

Assisted by:
Susan E. Walker
Bourbon County Clerk
Address:
210 S National Ave, Fort Scott, KS 66701

Email:
countyclerk@bourboncountyks.org

Attest: 9/8, 2025

Susan E Walker
County Clerk

Margie Brown Aug 19, '25 Sec.
Janice Lee Aug 19 '25 Trustee
Karen L. Paddock, Aug 19, '25 Treasurer
Governing Body

Special Road Election held _____ for ___Mills for ___ years.
First levy in _____.

Freedom Township

Allocation of MV, RV, 16/20M, Commercial Vehicle, and Watercraft Tax Estimates

	Budgeted Funds for 2025	Tax Levies in the 2025 Budget	Allocation for Year 2026									
			MVT - Township	MVT - City	RVT - Township	RVT - City	16/20M - Township	16/20 - City	CommVeh - Twnshp	CommVeh - City	Wtrcraft - Township	Wtrcraft - City
***	General	0.254	93	33	1	1	16	0	3	1	1	0
***	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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***		0.000	0	0	1		16		3	1		0
	Total	0.254	93			1		0				
	Total - 3rd Class City Levies (***)	0.254		33								

Freedom Township

Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2024	Current Amount for 2025	Proposed Amount for 2026	Transfers Authorized by Statute
General	Special Machinery	-	-	-	
General	Special Machinery	-	-	-	
Road	Special Machinery	-	-	-	
	Total	0	0	0	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	0	0	0	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2025 and/or 2026 from a non-budgeted fund.

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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2025	Date Due		Amount Due 2025		Amount Due 2026	
					Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
G.O. Bonds										
				0			0	0	0	0
Total G.O. Bonds										
Other										
				0			0	0	0	0
Total Other				**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total										

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Items Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance On Jan 1, 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
				Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

***If leasing/renting with no intent to purchase, do not list--such transactions are not lease-purchases.

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Freedom Township
FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1	649	270	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	1,421	1,294	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax		122	126
Recreational Vehicle Tax		2	2
16/20 M Vehicle Tax		17	16
Commercial Vehicle Tax		3	4
Watercraft Tax		2	1
Gross Earnings (Intangibles) Tax		0	0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**1,421**	**1,440**	**149**
Resources Available:	**2,070**	**1,710**	**149**
Expenditures:			
Fulton Community Center Appropriation	1,800	1,710	1,445
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Transfer to Spec. Mach.(No Levy)			
Does the General Fund have a tax levy			
Transfer to Spec. Mach.(Gen has Levy)			
Transfer can not exceed 25% Resources Avai			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**1,800**	**1,710**	**1,445**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	270	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	1,767	1,945	1,445
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	1,445
		Tax Required	1,296
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	1,296

See Tab A

CPA Summary

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Freedom Township
Bourbon County
will meet on 09/08/25 at 7:00 PM at 608 W Cedar, Fulton, KS 66738 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at 210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott, KS 66701 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
Fund	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,800	0.283	1,710	0.254	1,445	1,296	0.247
Totals	1,800	0.283	1,710	0.254	1,445	1,296	0.247
*Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate***							*0.000*
*Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate***							*0.247*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	1,800		1,710		1,445		
Total Tax Levied	1,279		1,294		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	4,811,584		5,077,739		5,237,735		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					4,491,127		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Karen Paddock
Treasurer

Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF _____, HEREBY NOTIFIES THE _____ COUNTY CLERK OF INTENT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

_____ Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and our proposed mill levy rate is _____. The date of our hearing is _____ at _____ AM/PM and will be held at _____ address in _____, Kansas.

*** Copy of "Notice of Hearing" from budget must be attached to this form when submitted to the county clerk(s).**

X No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before October 1, 2025

WITNESS my hand and official seal on June 1, 2025.

(Seal)

Karen L. Paddock, Treasurer
Clerk or Officer of Governing Body

BOURBON COUNTY -2026

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING & NOTICE TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

The below Special Districts for Bourbon County will meet at the designated date, time and location for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of tax to be levied and the revenue neutral rate. Detailed Budget information is available at the Bourbon County Clerk's office at 210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott, KS 66701 and will be available at the hearings designated in this notice. Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026					Public Hearing Information					
Special District Funds	Expenditures Less Transfers	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of - 1 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimted Tax Rate*	*Revenue Neutral Rate***	July 1, -1 Estimated Valuation	RNR Hearing	RNR/Budget Combined or Budget Only	Date of Hearing	Time of Hearing	Location of Hearing	Contact
Maple Grove Cemetery	5,139	1.176	5,240	1.081	7,075	3,552	1.063	1.063	3,341,573	No	Budget Hearing Only	**08/18/25**	7:00PM	1856 255th Street, Fort Scott, KS	Peggy Emmerson
Centerville/Westplains Cemetery	8,782	1.825	28,437	2.139	11,365	9,006	2.063	2.064	4,365,024	No	Budget Hearing Only	**08/23/25**	10:00AM	Memorial Hall, Fort Scott, KS	Heather Ethridge
Pawnee Township	6,366	3.137	16,335	2.609	18,415	8,236	2.523	2.523	3,265,193	No	Budget Hearing Only	**08/25/25**	2:00PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Rachel Wagner
Osage Township	1,580	0.325	2,167	0.312	1,985	1,604	0.305	0.305	5,259,829	No	Budget Hearing Only	**08/25/25**	5:00PM	Hammond Community Center, Hammond, KS	Kathy Valentine
Dayton Cemetery	1,905	2.296	3,355	2.220	3,129	1,972	2.218	2.218	889,070	No	Budget Hearing Only	**08/25/25**	7:00PM	Devon Community Center, Fort Scott, KS	Betty Graham
Millcreek Township	4,721	0.766	4,395	0.728	5,410	3,155	0.707	0.707	4,461,954	No	Budget Hearing Only	**08/25/25**	7:00PM	Devon Community Center, Fort Scott, KS.	Betty Graham
Rosedale Cemetery	4,461	1.445	4,240	1.166	4,367	3,962	1.123	1.123	3,527,940	No	Budget Hearing Only	**08/28/25**	6:00PM	Hepler Community Building, Hepler, KS	Nina Bosley
Franklin Township	6,050	0.931	7,460	0.832	7,375	5,670	0.832	0.781	6,812,209	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/02/25**	6:00PM	93 Hackberry Road, Mapleton, KS 66754	Theresa Burk
Marmaton Township	9,175	1.278	11,690	1.231	12,264	9,089	1.222	1.180	7,433,577	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/02/25**	7:00PM	1201 Locust Road, Redfield, KS	David Duffy
Pleasant View Cemetery	6,053	2.489	6,117	2.496	7,860	5,643	2.391	2.393	2,359,694	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/07/25**	2:00PM	1814 Tiernan Road, Fort Scott, KS	Karen Coyan
Tweedy Cemetery	3,125	1.607	3,187	1.506	3,226	3,024	1.456	1.456	2,077,171	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/08/25**	3:30PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Connie May
Marion Township	33,111	3.045	40,705	3.253	51,000	36,016	3.456	100.902	10,421,960	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/08/25**	6:00PM	Uniontown Community Center, Uniontown, KS	Larry Jurgenson
Drywood Township	4,841	1.558	18,838	1.448	9,408	8,356	1.394	1.394	5,993,067	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/08/25**	6:30PM	2643 Eagle Road, Garland, KS	Patty Simpson
Drywood - Garland Lights	801	8.911	1,200	8.453	1,901	791	8.254	8.255	95,833	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/08/25**	6:35PM	2643 Eagle Road, Garland, KS	Patty Simpson
Fire District #3	396,048	6.354	333,443	6.159	357,543	321,819	6.358	5.904	50,615,490	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/08/25**	7:00PM	1812 158th Street, Fort Scott, KS	Shawn Wyatt
Freedom Township	1,800	0.283	1,710	0.254	1,445	1,296	0.247	0.247	5,237,735	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/08/25**	7:00PM	608 W Cedar, Fulton, KS	Karen Paddock
Garland Fire District #2	23,919	5.596	26,046	5.251	34,048	33,446	5.455	5.020	6,131,318	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/08/25**	7:00PM	502 264th Street, Garland, KS	Laura Krom
Lath Branch	5,061	1.669	5,322	1.561	5,645	4,661	1.593	1.474	2,925,747	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	4:30PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Philip Jaynes
Glendale Cemetery	4,659	3.764	4,355	3.497	5,145	4,586	4.159	3.373	1,102,706	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	4:40PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Philip Jaynes
Timberhills Cemetery	6,665	2.175	6,812	2.237	7,902	5,426	3.027	2.183	1,792,366	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	5:00PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Rebecca Whisenhunt
Timberhills Township	5	0.154	348	0.128	788	308	0.125	4.699	2,472,533	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/09/25**	5:10PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Rebecca Whisenhunt
Barnesville Cemetery	3,300	2.354	3,630	2.286	3,753	3,134	2.191	2.191	1,430,523	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/09/25**	5:15PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Patrick Burns
Osaga Cemetery	1,971	0.666	2,180	0.641	2,200	1,810	0.608	0.609	2,977,970	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/09/25**	5:20PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Patrick Burns
West Liberty	4,445	2.342	4,522	2.237	4,785	4,043	2.183	2.183	1,851,886	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/09/25**	5:25PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Ken Savage
Zion Cemetery	1,549	1.595	1,850	1.504	1,834	1,446	1.557	1.557	928,698	No	Budget Hearing Only	**09/09/25**	5:30PM	210 S National Avenue, Fort Scott KS	Patrick Burns
Chapel Grove Cemetery	2,800	2.309	2,800	2.277	2,601	3,000	2.432	2.122	1,069,578	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	6:00PM	964 240th Street, Fort Scott, KS	Jason Sinn
Clarksburg Cemetery	7,932	1.670	6,995	1.570	8,275	7,617	1.808	1.495	4,212,552	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	6:00PM	2643 Eagle Road, Garland, KS	Carol Davis
Avondale Cemetery	1,100	4.322	1,006	1.088	1,600	1,543	4.550	1.092	339,112	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	7:00PM	Mapleton City Park, Mapleton, KS	Jason Casner
Scott Township	11,703	0.320	11,485	0.000	11,926	8,975	0.341	0.000	26,366,990	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	7:00PM	1905 S Judson, Fort Scott, KS	Donald Banwart
Fire District #5	176,278	4.729	120,030	4.379	149,600	123,087	5.075	4.233	24,251,420	Yes	Combined Hearing	**09/09/25**	7:10PM	1905 S Judson, Fort Scott, KS	Donald Banwart

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Susan E. Walker

Bourbon County Clerk

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Proof of Publication

STATE of KANSAS, BOURBON COUNTY, ss.

I, Andy LaSota, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That he is the Advertising Consultant for the Fort Scott Tribune, a twice weekly Newspaper printed and published in the City of Fort Scott, County of Bourbon, State of Kansas, which said newspaper has been published for more than five years prior to this date at least fifty times a year during said period, and is and has been entered in the Post Office of Fort Scott, Kansas as second mail matter, and has a general paid circulation on a monthly basis in Bourbon County, Kansas and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and he further stated that the annexed copy was published in said newspaper once a week for one consecutive weeks first publication there of being on the 6 day of August, 2025.

Andy LaSota

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of August, 2025.

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Teresa A Klumpp
Notary Public

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